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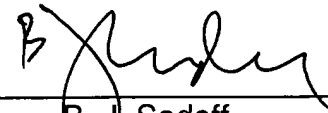
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The Office is requested to advise the undersigned of the status of the present application and issue the same as a patent without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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